



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN BREAK IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

December 13, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main break, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

Dewatering and Bypass Operations

- Crews remain on site 24/7 managing the affected area. An emergency operations center is set up in the field and fully operational.
- Six pumps continue to operate on site to control and contain discharge from the break area.
- Most streets remained dry overnight and crews are addressing any ponding in the area.
- Additional sand bags will be delivered to the site today as an added measure of protection for homes and properties in close proximity to the break.
- Tankers and vac trucks will continue to remove discharge from the area and transport it to other locations in the City's wastewater collection system.
- A new configuration has been put in place to move trucks more efficiently in and out of the affected area to maximize operations.
- Two bypasses are now in place to move discharge from catch basins in the affected area to sewer lines north and south of the break.

Repair Activities

- Repair parts are being fabricated and are expected to arrive on Monday, December 16.
- Coordination is underway to deliver additional parts, tools, and equipment to the site so that they can be staged and ready when the fabricated parts arrive.

Garbage Collection Service for Residents in Affected Area on Ponce de Leon Drive

- Garbage collection service resumed this morning for residents on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.
- Staff assisted with cart collections on the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive by bringing the carts to the south side of the road for servicing and then returning them to their original location.
- Residents with questions about garbage collection may call the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

Aeration

- A total of nine aerators will be operating today in locations throughout the Tarpon River.
- Aeration will help improve water quality in the Tarpon River by improving oxygen levels in the water, increasing circulation, breaking down organic matter in the discharge, and helping to control odor.
- Two vessels will be conducted skimming and debris removal activities on the Tarpon River today and this service will continue on a daily basis.

Environmental Cleanup

-The environmental contractor is deploying a crew of up to 19 workers today to continue conducting cleanup activities including removing debris; treating, disinfecting and pressure washing streets, sidewalks, and driveways; treating sod and grass, and odor control.

-The environmental contractor will be on site daily until the remediation is complete.

Road Closure

-Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the work progresses.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

-A precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities remains in place for the waterways surrounding and adjacent to the affected area.

-To view a map of the impacted area, please visit <http://bit.ly/2LLTeNb>.

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